

Etiquette
WITHIN THE
NEW SAROVIAN EMPIRE
AND HER
COLONIES AND DOMINIONS



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INTRODUCTION

Etiquette within the New Sarovian Empire is incredibly important and may be the deciding factor of whether or not you get what you ask for, or if you are considered for higher positions. Etiquette is highly enforced by both members of the Imperial Guard as well as the Imperial Sarovian Constabulary, of which is vital for controlling the prestige and respect given to members of the nation.

All positions in the New Sarovian Empire have different forms of address, which must be memorized. In all formal documentation the proper style of address shall be used, and when talking to a person with the position, the proper address must be used.

It should be noted that the style of address used changes depending on the situation and context used. A Duke in uniform on parade shall be called Sir/Ma'am, but in a dinner, they shall be called Your Grace. Using the incorrect style of address is rude and inappropriate.

There are two forms of greetings given to the nobility and commissioned officers in the New Sarovian Empire, to show respect to superiors and deference to nobility. The first is a bow and the second is a salute.

All members of His Imperial Majesty's Government and His Imperial Majesty's Officer Corps shall be considered gentlemen and ladies, and thus must uphold good mannerisms and traits.





HOW TO ADDRESS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Members of His Imperial Majesty's Elected Government, otherwise known as Members of Parliament (MPs), make up the bulk of His Imperial Majesty's Government. They form, similar to Peers, a large part of His Imperial Majesty's Executive Committee otherwise known as a Cabinet.

Regular members of the House of Commons are addressed in third person as "*The Honourable **Name**, Member of Parliament for **District***". To address a Member of the House of Commons, you may simply say Mr. or Mrs.

Members of the Cabinet of the Imperial Parliament are addressed in third person as "*The Honourable Minister of **Department, Name***". To address a Member of the Cabinet in person, you may simply say Mr., Mrs., or Minister.

The Prime Minister the chief of all the elected officials and shall be referred to in third person as the "*The Right Honourable **Name**, Prime Minister of the New Sarovian Empire*." You may also refer to the Prime Minister as "*The Right Honourable Prime Minister*." To address the Prime Minister in person, you must address him/her as Prime Minister in all forms of correspondence.

If a member of the House of Commons, regardless of position, is a member of a chivalric order (such as the Most Noble Order of the New Sarovian Empire, among others), you must refer to their knighthood. To do so, simply insert "Sir/Dame" before their name and the abbreviation of the Order after their name. If they are a member of the Most Noble Order of the New Sarovian Empire, the abbreviation is OSE. If they are a member of the Most Esteemed Order of the Griffon, the abbreviation is OG. If they are a member of the Most Exalted Grand Order of the Vasas, the abbreviation is OV.





HOW TO ADDRESS MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PEERS

Members of His Imperial Majesty's Faithful Assembly of Peers are Sarovians who possess a title of nobility, be it as simple as a knighthood or as special as a hereditary title of nobility. There are five levels of nobility within the Assembly of Peers: *Princes, Dukes, Earls, Viscounts and Barons*. Underneath them are the Knights.

Princes shall be referred to as *His/Her/Your Imperial Highness*, abbreviated to HIH. **Dukes** shall be referred to as *His/Her/Your Grace, the Duke/Duchess of Title*. **Earls** shall be referred to as *His/Her Lordship*, or in person, *My Lord*. They may also be referred to in third person as *The Earl (of) Title*. **Viscounts** and **Barons** shall be referred to as Lord/Lady **Title**. They may also be referred to in the third person as *The Baron/Viscount (of) Title*.

Titles may be referred to in the Sarovian national language - **Dukes** are Duc (m), Duceze (f), Ducidine (n). **Earls** are - Ärle (m), Condeze (f), Conde (n). **Viscounts** are - Visärle (m), Vicondeze (f), Viconde (n). **Barons** are - Baran (m, n), Baraneze (f). **Lords** are - Lorde (m, n) and **Lady** is - Fidalia (f).

If a member of the Peerage holds a Cabinet Position or is a serving Member of the House of Commons, they may be referred to with their position first and title second. For example, a Duke in the Cabinet may be referred to as *The Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Grace the Duke of Vurgos, Name*.

In any military context, should the member of the Peerage hold a military commission or title, they shall be referred to in their military title, such as Sir/Ma'am for commissioned officers, or their rank for non-commissioned officers.

If a member of the Peerage has two or more titles, they may be referred to by both titles, or, more commonly, the higher title between the two. Should two titles be of similar status, it shall go in order of precedence, order of inheritance, or by preference. Foreign titles are not allowed to be used within the New Sarovian Empire without permission by His Imperial Majesty the King and Emperor.





HOW TO ADDRESS MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL ARMED FORCES

Members of His Imperial Majesty's Armed Forces, or the Imperial Sarovian Armed Forces (ISAF), have differing levels of respect given and shown depending on rank, position, and the occasion.

Members of the Imperial Army and Navy who are not given a commission scroll (Chief Warrant Officers and below) shall be called by the title of their rank. A Sergeant shall be called Sergeant **Name** by people above and below their rank. This includes Acting Officers - who shall not be called Sir/Ma'am. Members of the Imperial Army and Navy who possess a valid commission scroll (Lieutenants and above) shall be called Sir or Ma'am by members below them in rank and **Rank, Name** by members above them in rank.

The most common sign of respect to pay to commissioned officers is the salute. A salute, depending on the game, varies, but it involves either the left or right hand palm facing forwards with the fingers almost touching the headdress - or whatever game mechanic achieves as close to this aim as possible dictated by convention and tradition. Likewise, all official regimental banners shall be saluted by all ranks without fail. A salute may be given with a sword of a commissioned officer outlined in the Imperial Army and Navy Drill Regulations.

Other forms of salutes - known as paying compliments - may be issued. These may be the firing of guns to honour a high ranking member of the military (no more than 11 shots may be fired) or the playing of General Salute - the playing of the national anthem in honour of a high ranking officer which all are expected to salute to. With rifles or other small arms, the command Present Arms may be rendered to salute commissioned officers, usually high ranking members.

Gun salutes are common for the monarchy and vary in size. However, they shall not go below 21 guns.





HOW TO ADDRESS THE MONARCH

The most important person in the New Sarovian Empire is of course His Imperial Majesty the King of the Sarovians and Emperor of the Sarovian Commonwealth, Constantine IX Vasa. When meeting the Emperor for the first time, everyone including members of the Imperial Family are expected to bow. This, much like the salute, varies per game, but the general principle is the bow of the head and shoulders to the sovereign. The longer a bow, the more respectful. In tandem with bowing, the individual must address the Emperor with “Your Imperial Majesty” or “Tel Majis Imperialò.” Afterwards, it is acceptable to say “Sire” until departing the monarch where it is expected that the individual bows, repeats “Your Imperial Majesty” and leaves.

When meeting the monarch, it is required that one dresses appropriately - which will be covered in the dress code part of this manual. One is expected to speak in a formal and professional manner. It is expected that the individual never sits before the Emperor unless asked to. If the Emperor enters a room with many people, they are all expected to stand up and bow. Likewise, if both individuals are sitting, if the Emperor stands up it is expected that the individual likewise stands up immediately. Upon the arrival of the Emperor to an event, it is expected that members of the College of Heraldry are to play an imperial fanfare, the Sarovian anthem, or both. In a military context, it is mandatory that a General Salute is played, the anthem and perhaps a fanfare, and all nearby units pay compliments via salutes or guns.

If one wishes to contact the monarch, they are expected to write formally and professionally. If one is to contact the monarch through Discord, all messages must consist with the following beginning to gain a reply:

“Leda Palace

Date

Your Imperial Majesty,....”





ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

The Order of Precedence is the order of importance for the most important positions in the New Sarovian Empire. The Order of Precedence explains who is senior to who, as well as who is more important to another. When entering an event, sometimes event planners will ask for an “inverse-order-of-precedence” entry, which means the lesser titles and positions enter first.

CIVIL	IMPERIAL ARMED FORCES		COURT	JUDICIAL	CLERGY	NOBILITY
	IMPERIAL ARMY	IMPERIAL NAVY				
His Imperial Majesty the Emperor (or Governor-Generals in his stead)						
Prime Minister of the NSE						The Prince of Kiev & Empress Consort
Dominion Prime Ministers	Field Marshal of the Empire	First Sea Lord of the Empire			His Holiness the Pope	The Duke of Preuze and the Duke of Upper Preuze
Privy Counsellors & Lord President			Chief Heralds	Supreme Court Justice		The Duke of Vurgos and the Duke of Poltava
Cabinet Ministers & Speakers	Generals	Admirals	Marshal of the Court, Lord Chamberlain, etc		Patriarchs and Cardinals	The Duke of Sorrel and the Duke of Belbata Bergonia
Deputy Cabinet Ministers						Earls
High Commissioners				First Court Justice	Archbishops	Viscounts and Barons
Ambassadors						
Envoys	Colonel	Naval Captain				
Attachés	Lieutenant Colonel	Commander				Knights





DRESS CODE IN CERTAIN EVENTS

Depending on the event, a strict dress code should be adhered to. Failure to do so is a cultural and social taboo and as such may be punished.

There are five classes of events:

- Full Honours
- Full Dress
- Half Dress
- Undress
- Informal

Full Honours is a very rare dress code that occurs infrequently. This is usually called for Speeches from the Throne and coronations only. Peers are expected to wear their coronation robes and coronets. All honours, medals and rewards are to be worn. Privy Counsellors are to wear their uniforms. Top hats are required for men and tiaras for women.

Full Dress is the more frequent high-class dress code. Privy Counsellors may wear suits or their uniforms. All suits are to be black or dark gray. Honours and medals are to be worn. For women, dresses of beige (or other colours similar to, but not white), red, pink and black are acceptable and must be elaborate. Military members are to wear their regimental uniforms and honours unless otherwise stated. Top hats are required for men.

Half-dress consists of suits and dresses only. Suits may be black, gray, dark blue or any other dark colour. Dresses may be any variation of colour except white. No hats may be worn.

Undress consists of variations of suits of any and all colours, as well as dresses with similar freedoms. Women may also wear suits should they desire. Professional hats are allowed to be worn. Another word may be “business-casual.”

Lastly, **informal** dress may be anything the wearer decides.

